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Annual Report

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HENNIKER

For the

Year Ending

February 15, 1900.

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Receipts and Expenditures

—OF THE—

Town of Henniker,

COMPRISING THE REPORTS OF

Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Road Agent, Auditors, School Board, Board of Health, and Town Clerk,

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

February 15, 1900,

And Vital Statistics for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1899.

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Town Warrant.

[L. S.] STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Henniker, in the County of Merrimack, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Town's Meeting House, in said Henniker, on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st.—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2d.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3d.—To see how much money the town will raise to repair highways and bridges.

4th.—To see how much money the town will raise for schools other than that required by law.

5th.—To see how much money the town will raise in addition to that required by law for the support and maintenance of the Public Library.

6th.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise to be used in the observance of Memorial Day.

7th.—To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the building and repairing of side-walks.

8th.—To see if the town will vote to raise a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars to plow up and fertilize the remainder of the town common, or act anything relative thereto.

9th.—To see if the town will vote to discount all taxes paid on or before June 1st, 3 per cent.; all taxes paid on or before August 1st, 2 per cent.; all taxes paid on or before Oct. 1st, 1 per cent.

10th.—To see is the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to contract with the Hillsborough Electric Light & Power Co. for the lighting of the streets for one year at a price per light not exceeding thirteen ($13.00) dollars, and raise money for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

11th.—To see if the town will vote to purchase the brick school house and repair the same suitable for an engine house, raise money for the same, or act anything relative thereto; or will purchase land and build a suitable engine house, and raise money for the same, or act anything relative thereto.

12th.—To see if the town will vote to provide a number not exceeding eight of cisterns in suitable localities and provide for supplying them with water for the use of the fire engine, and to raise money therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

13th.—To see if the town will vote to purchase land suitable for a public dumping ground.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred.

E. N. COGSWELL,
F. D. PATTEN,
J. F. GARLAND,
Selectmen of Henniker.

REPORT.

The following report for the year ending February 15 is respectfully submitted.

E. N. COGSWELL,
F. D. PATTEN,
J. F. GARLAND,
Selectmen of Henniker.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator,
Charles A. Wilkins.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor,
E. N. Cogswell, Frank D. Patten,
J. F. Garland.

Town Clerk,
John C. Cogswell.

Treasurer,
Moses F. Whittier.

Collector of Taxes,
Alonzo P. Nichols.

Highway Surveyors,

District		District	
No. 1.	Levi W. French,	No. 11.	Everett Howe,
2.	C. S. Ray,	12.	J. L. Garland,
3.	L. S. Connor,	13.	George H. Dodge,
4.	C. H. Brown,	14.	F. W. Flanders,
5.	F. A. Peaslee,	15.	J. G. Morse,
6.	Geo. A. Woods,	16.	Alberto Buxton,
7.	Geo. W. Sargent,	17.	John S. Baker,
8.	Silas A. Rowe,	18.	D. E. Huntington,
9.	John H. Brown,	19.	J. Willis Plummer,
10.	H. R. Rice,	20.	S. E. Donlin.

Supervisors,

George F. Pinkham, William H. Bean,
George W. Sargent.

Board of Health,

George H. Sanborn, W. N. Whitney,
C. B. Childs.

Trustees of Henniker Free Library,

Henry A. Emerson, E. Maria Cogswell,
Leander W. Cogswell, Walter A. Connor.

School Board,

George H. Dodge, John C. Cogswell,
George H. Sanborn.

Fire Wardens,

John Gage, John E. Whittier, E. E. Russell,
W. E. Constantine, Arthur W. Dow.

Town Auditors,

E. F. Campbell, G. Ed. Chadwick,
W. A. Connor.

School District Auditors,

J. W. Emery, D. S. Carr, W. A. Balch.

Police Officers,

E. Howard Gilman, Reuben M. Gregg.

TOWN VALUATION APRIL 1, 1899.

Polls, 389,	$ 38,900 00
Real Estate,	512,693 00
Horses, 359,	19,520 00
Oxen, 60,	3,440 00
Cows, 894,	21,071 00
Neat Stock, 255,	4,233 00
Sheep, 293,	888 00
Hogs, 23,	160 00
Carriages, 21,	1,250 00
Stock in banks in the State,	2,700 00
Money on hand and at interest,	21,190 00
Stock in trade,	38,110 00
Mills and Machinery,	48,000 00
	$712,155 00

TAXES ASSESSED.

State tax,	$1,602 25
County tax,	2,284 62
Town tax,	9,786 48
	$13,673 35
Amount of tax assessed on property subsequent to taking inventory,	66 74

TAXES RAISED.

State tax,	$1,602 25
County tax,	2,284 62
Town charges,	1,800 00
Library appropriation,	213 10
Memorial "	75 00
Side-walk "	100 00
Fertilize Town Common appropriation,	100 00
Chemical Engine "	300 00
Electric light "	750 00
Highway tax, ¼ of 1 per cent.,	1,780 70
Support of schools, by law,	1,885 00
" " " extra appropriation,	1,000 00
To repair school heuses,	150 00
To purchase school supplies,	20 00
To pay school debts and interest on same,	1,000 00
Overlay,	612 68
	$13,673 35
Valuation of resident real estate,	$459,636 00
Valuation of non-resident real estate.	53,057 00

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid out as follows:

S. A. Bunnell, ballot box,	$ 4 25
O. E. Branch, counsel and term fees Beard road case,	233 78
H. W. Eldredge, stationery,	1 25
Constantine & Brown, repairing hearse,	1 00
Martin & Howe, legal advice, 1898,	5 00
H. W. Eldredge, printing reports,	46 67
E. M. Clough, cooking oysters town officers,	1 00

Silsby & Son, supplies,	$ 6 40
H. W. Eldredge, printing,	2 35
N. L. Buxton, repairs water pipe,	3 50
L. P. Lincoln, advertising,	1 00
E. C. Eastman, surveyor's books,	3 00
J. C. Cogswell, payment on piano,	50 00
John F. Clough, services County Commissioners on Beard road,	58 80
O. E. Branch, Commissioners' award Beard road,	90 00
Chas. A. Hoitt Co., chair cushions,	3 00
A. S. Bennett, repairing and painting hearse,	38 75
R. M. Gregg, Memorial appropriation,	75 00
George A. Woods, drawing wood,	3 75
George Harvey, setting trees on town common and cutting wood in cemetery,	22 25
J. F. Garland, mulching trees,	1 00
C. E. Huntington, copying inventory,	7 00
J. Hadlock, supplies for road machine,	1 90
R. M. Gregg, repairing hearse,	1 60
Silsby & Son, town supplies,	2 71
W. N. Whitney, use telephone,	2 90
C. A. Wilkins, iron pipe for railing,	5 54
H. B. Campbell, mulching trees, setting gravestones and mowing cemetery,	15 00
E. N. Cogswell, putting up railing,	11 50
Geo. A. French, snowing bridge, '97–'98,	15 00
H. A. Emerson, pipe for railing,	23 26
Walworth M'f'g Co., pipe for railing,	49 48
Henry Davis, putting up iron railing,	14 25
" " labor on highway,	1 50
E. N. Cogswell, labor putting up railing.	7 00
Walworth M'f'g Co., iron railing,	21 73
H. Patterson, mowing cemetery,	1 50
A. P. Nichols, stamps and stationery,	4 05
H. K. Plummer, mowing cemetery,	4 50

G. W. S. Dow, snowing bridge, 1899,	$ 4 00
H. H. Rowe for snow plow,	5 00
Silsby & Sons, town order books,	3 00
James Wilkins, repairing hearse,	2 50
M. F. Whittier, stationery and postage,	1 05
H. H. Skillen, ironing bier,	1 80
F. L. Gerrish, county tax,	2,284 62
Z. S. Woods, driving hearse,	47 50
Solon A. Carter, state tax,	1,602 25
Harrison Howe, rent public dump,	2 50
E. P. Goss, clearing cemetery,	3 00
A. S. Bennett, painting snow plow,	3 50
W. A. Connor, library appropriation,	213 10
W. N. Whitney, use of telephone,	90
J. C. Cogswell, copying inventory,	5 00
" recording children's names,	3 50
E. N. Cogswell, time and expense to Boston, settling State Treasurer and County Commis'rs,	20 90
E. N. Cogswell, cash advanced to pay express and supplies,	4 66
M. F. Whittier, postage and supplies,	2 22
J. C. Cogswell, supplies and postage,	75
	$5,053 92

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURES.

Paid Constantine & Brown, repairs,	$ 2 90
Preston Bros., akron pipe,	44 17
Walworth Mfg. Co., iron pipe,	28 95
Henry Young, labor,	3 52
F. E. White, lumber for railing,	4 90
Constantine & Rowe, repairing,	8 35
Preston Bros., akron pipe,	73 28

Paid J. J. Rice, gravel,	$ 6 53	
C. A. Wilkins, bridge stringers,	10 08	
W. S. Foster, cutting bushes,	1 00	
Tripp & Tennant, stringers for Ring bridge,	18 50	
J. F. Garland, labor,	5 35	
L. S. Connor, labor,	1 35	
		$208 88

Dist. No. 1. Levi W. French, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		30 00
" expended,		44 10
Paid Levi W. French, labor,	$18 60	
George A. Woods, team hire,	9 00	
E. E. Elliott, labor,	7 50	
Harvey Paige, labor,	3 00	
Herman Barton, labor,	6 00	
	44 10	

Dist. No. 2. Chas. S. Ray, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		50 00
" expended,		41 05
Paid Charles S. Ray, labor and team,	41 05	

Dist. No. 3. Levi S. Connor, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		63 31
" expended,		63 31
Paid F. A. Peaslee, labor,	3 00	
E. A. Hempill, "	3 00	
A. C. Clark, "	1 50	
A. W. Sanborn, "	8 55	
F. W. Connor, "	11 85	

Paid W. M. Connor, labor,	$ 7 50	
L. S. Connor, "	12 46	
L. S. Connor, team,	10 95	
Carts and plows,	4 50	
	63 31	

Dist. No. 4. Chas. H. Brown, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		8 23
" expended,		9 65
Paid E. M. Clough, labor,	2 85	
C. H. Brown, "	6 80	
	9 65	

Dist. No. 5. Fred A. Peaslee, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		152 57
" expended,		206 79
Paid E. A. Hempill, labor,	6 00	
E. M. Clough, " Ring bridge,	3 45	
G. A. Woods, "	10 50	
E. N. Cogswell, " "	5 50	
Frank Moran, " "	1 50	
John Tandy, "	15 15	
H. W. Peaslee, "	4 00	
T. Peaslee, "	19 70	
Fred A. Peaslee, " and team,	91 72	
Ira Whittier, "	4 00	
Fred Barnes, " Ring bridge,	6 03	
Harry Sisco, "	23 05	
H. W. Searles, "	4 50	
C. A. Wilkins, lumber Ring bridge,	10 19	
I. Connor, labor,	1 50	
	206 79	

Dist. No. 6. Geo. A. Woods, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		$377 84
" expended,		378 16
Paid George A. Woods, labor and team,	$141 50	
Richard Putney, "	34 50	
Henry Young, "	52 87	
H. C. Howe, "	6 25	
H. F. Badger, "	6 75	
Sam Ward, "	11 87	
J. S. Whiting, "	9 38	
G. D. Tucker, "	26 25	
Charles Bell, "	1 50	
Harry Sisco, "	9 00	
John Tandy, "	6 00	
Joe Richardson, "	5 10	
E. N. Cogswell, team,	18 37	
Wesley Felch, "	8 12	
B. and M. C. Howe, labor,	4 50	
T. and F. A. Peaslee, team,	9 50	
C. F. Cowdry, labor,	1 50	
H. Peaslee, "	13 00	
Preston Bros. Co., akron pipe,	6 95	
F. A. Gould, painting trough,	2 00	
Carts and plows,	3 25	
	378 16	

Dist. No. 7. George W. Sargent, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		121 49
" expended,		126 56
Paid George A. Wood, team hire,	15 00	
Joe Richardson, labor,	6 00	
G. S. Andrews, "	2 10	
G. S. Wiggin, "	2 00	

Paid Geo. W. Sargent, labor and team,	$ 99 30	
Preston Bros. Co., pipe,	2 16	
	126 56	

Dist. No. 8. Silas A. Rowe, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		213 08
" expended,		176 14
Paid Nathan Farley, labor,	19 95	
Mrs. Alden Rowe, team,	37 75	
B. McAllister, labor,	50	
G. R. McAllister, "	3 00	
S. Gonier, "	10 20	
John Savage, "	17 77	
Frank Goss, "	7 75	
W. J. Rowe, "	17 25	
G. D. Colby, "	2 25	
H. H. Rowe, "	3 50	
George W. Rice, "	3 50	
H. Hooper, "	1 25	
A. W. Rowe, "	9 73	
C. W. Rowe, "	2 55	
Silas A. Rowe, "	34 39	
John Grennell, "	75	
C. A. Davis, "	60	
John Rice, gravel,	75	
Preston Bros. Co., pipe,	2 70	
	176 14	

Dist. No. 9. John H. Brown, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		59 36
" expended,		64 76
Paid John H. Brown, team and labor,	27 56	
H. Follensbee, labor,	45	

Paid J. M. Colby,	labor	$ 4 05	
H. F. Presby,	"	9 90	
M. W. Rice,	"	4 20	
Frank Patten,	"	3 90	
C. H. Parmenter,	"	9 60	
H. R. Rice,	"	5 10	
Balance unexpended paid town treas.,		24	
		65 00	

Dist. No. 10. Harris R. Rice, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,			40 00
" expended,			48 85
Paid H. R. Rice, team and labor,		20 95	
W. F. Flanders,	labor,	3 90	
P. E. Carter,	"	4 35	
R. B. Spaulding,	"	3 00	
A. W. Sumner,	"	2 25	
Bert Thomas,	"	3 60	
Enos Carter,	"	2 25	
C. H. Parmenter,	"	3 90	
J. H. Brown,	"	3 90	
Myron Presby,	"	75	
Balance unexpended paid town treas.,		1 15	
		50 00	

Dist. No. 11. Everett Howe, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,			148 56
" expended,			148 56
Paid Everett Howe, labor,		30 48	
F. A. Peaslee, team hire,		16 00	
E. A. Hempill,	labor,	20 63	
Harry Sisco,	"	7 50	
John Tandy,	"	7 50	

Paid L. Clark,	labor,	$ 75	
Henry A. Davis,	"	2 33	
J. F. Garland,	"	42 09	
H. H. Rowe,	"	8 50	
George Gonier,	"	1 50	
S. Gonier,	"	1 50	
Preston Bros. Co.,	pipe,	4 08	
Henry A. Davis,	labor,	5 70	
		148 56	

Dist. No. 12. John L. Garland, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		71 85
" expended,		82 90
Paid John L. Garland, labor,	58 15	
M. E. Patch, "	15 00	
C. F. Stevens, "	6 00	
J. F. Garland, "	3 75	
	82 90	

Dist. No. 13. George H. Dodge, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		66 42
" expended,		65 07
Paid George H. Dodge, labor and team,	27 17	
George H. Pierce, "	11 87	
J. P. Flanders, "	7 20	
R. Browning, "	3 90	
H. G. Chandler, "	7 50	
A. S. Chandler, "	6 00	
Charles Carter, "	1 43	
Balance unexpended paid town treas.,	9 93	
	75 00	

Dist. No. 14. W. F. Flanders, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		$50 00
expended,		50 00
Paid L. F. Clark, labor,	$ 75	
A. Drew, "	2 00	
Orin Chase, "	5 77	
L. A. Clark, "	3 75	
W. F. Flanders "	37 73	
	$50 00	

Dist. No. 15. Jos. G. Morse, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		50 00
expended,		54 16
Paid Jos. G. Morse, labor,	54 16	

Dist. No. 16. Alberto Buxton, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		50 00
" expended,		67 01
Paid Alberto Buxton, labor,	42 76	
Quincy Newton, "	1 50	
F. P. Morse, "	3 00	
H. F. Huntington, "	6 75	
H. H. Rowe, team hire,	13 00	
	67 01	

Dist. No. 17. John S. Baker, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,		75 00
" expended,		83 03
Paid J. S. Baker, labor and team,	42 86	
J. McCormish, labor,	3 00	
H. W. Peaslee, "	2 00	
P. LaPaige, "	6 37	

Paid W. E. Lyford, labor,	$ 9 00	
W. H. Beard, "	3 30	
F. D. Patten, "	16 50	
	83 03	

Dist. No. 18. D. E. Huntington, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,			$55 41
" expended,			86 05
Paid John S. Baker,	labor,	6 00	
S. Gonier,	"	75	
Frank Goodridge,	"	3 25	
A. N. Huntington,	"	11 75	
J. J. Huntington,	"	10 80	
F. T. Huntington,	"	8 10	
D. E. Huntington,	"	17 75	
H. F. Huntington,	"	1 75	
John McCormish	"	10 00	
Geo. Newton,	"	6 00	
Chas. Nichols,	"	2 00	
H. W. Peaslee,	"	3 75	
W. H. Peaslee,	"	4 15	
		86 05	

Dist. No. 19. J. W. Plummer, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,			24 65
" expended,			24 65
Paid J. W. Plummer,	labor,	9 35	
Horrison Morrill,	"	9 75	
Geo. A. Gordon,	"	3 00	
A. G. Yeaton,	"	2 55	
		24 65	

Dist. No. 20. S. E. Dowlin, Surveyor.

Amount appropriated,			$64 30
" expended,			73 74
Paid John Brady,	labor,	$ 1 50	
John Brown,	"	3 00	
H. R. Rice,	"	3 25	
Geo. W. Patterson,	"	5 25	
S. E. Dowlin,	"	60 74	
Balance unexpended paid town treas.,		1 26	
		$ 75 00	

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS.

Total orders drawn,	$1,907 12
Total amount expended,	1,894 54
Balance unexpended paid town treas.,	$12 58
Total amount expended,	$1,894 54
Total amount of tax,	1,772 07
Amount expended over appropriation,	$122 07

		TAX.	EXPENDED.
Dist. No. 1.	Levi W. French,	$ 30 00	$ 44 10
2.	Chas. S. Ray,	50 00	41 05
3.	L. S. Connor,	63 31	63 31
4.	Chas. H. Brown,	8 23	9 65
5.	Fred A. Peaslee,	152 57	206 79
6.	Geo. A. Woods,	377 84	378 16
7.	Geo. W. Sargent,	121 49	126 56
8.	Silas A. Rowe,	213 08	176 14
9.	John H. Brown,	59 36	64 76
10.	H. R. Rice,	40 00	48 85
11.	Everett Howe,	148 56	148 56

		TAX.	EXPENDED.
Dist. No. 12.	John L. Garland,	$71 85	$82 90
13.	Geo. H. Dodge,	66 42	65 07
14.	W. F. Flanders,	50 00	50 00
15.	Joseph G. Morse,	50 00	54 16
16.	Alberto Buxton,	50 00	67 01
17.	John S. Baker,	75 00	83 03
18.	D. E. Huntington,	55 41	86 05
19.	J. W. Plummer,	24 65	24 65
20.	S. E. Dowlin,	64 30	73 74
		$1,772 07	$1,894 54

BREAKING ROADS, 1898–99.

Paid J. A. Moore	$ 2 55
C. H. Parmenter	3 30
Gilbert Cota	6 00
Eli Mongeau	4 50
W. H. Littlefield	29 55
C. J. Dow	2 10
Bert Sturtevant	1 05
E. N. Hannaford	7 00
W. F. Flanders	7 50
W. H. Beard	22 80
C. H. Felch	12 60
W. J. Chase	34 39
F. A. Peaslee	1 50
Silas Rowe	19 45
N. Moro	2 55
Geo. H. Dodge	8 10
Geo. W. S. Dow	114 50
C. H. Brown	17 39
W. E. Kilburn	13 50
H. B. Morrill	20 25

Paid H. A. Tucker	$ 48 07
Paul Hussy	21 34
M. W. Rice	8 10
H. F. Presby	9 00
H. F. Gordon	5 25
Lewis Daniells	5 55
W. H. Peaslee	2 97
F. D. Patten	8 40
J. S. Baker	66 96
H. R, Rice	40 05
J. M. Goss	12 90
L. S. Connor	11 55
S. J. Dowlin	33 65
J. C. Kilburn	17 60
J. G. Morse	91 70
H. W. Peaslee	9 75
George A. Woods	44 42
Everett Howe	10 95
J. L. Garland	18 20
George W. Sargent	33 20
John McCormish	11 40
Elmer Buxton	56 70
H. B. Campbell	3 00
H. F. Huntington	4 95
J. P. Dow	6 30
J. H. Clark	9 08
F. J. Hoyt	53 49
J. J. Huntington	21 00
H. H. Rowe	110 03
E. N. Cogswell	3 37
F. H. Barnes	5 77
J. H. Mathews	29 70
C. S. Ray	9 75
A. C. Clark	9 75

Paid L. W. French	$ 41 10	
Willard Colby	1 00	
George A. Newton	4 50	
Ed Dow	3 90	
George W. Patterson	10 65	
J. H. Savage	19 50	
Elmer Gray	3 30	
J. A. Moore	1 80	
R. A. Wood	27 41	
Ernest French	1 95	
Charles E. Gray	3 75	
S. F. Sisco	9 50	
D. E. Huntington	15 75	
O. A. Chase	10 35	
W. H. Bean	2 85	
J. W. Plummer	5 25	
C. H. Parmenter	7 20	
F. P. Morse	3 45	
C. D. Robertson	7 50	
C. S. Ray	3 00	
E. P. Goss	4 75	
		$1,352 94

NEW HIGHWAY ACCOUNT—Cressey Street.

Paid Elizabeth Drew, land damage,		$206 00
Sally N. and W. P. Cressey, land damage,		50 00
Frank Brown,	land damage,	1 00
Mary E. Marsh,	"	100 00
Almina L. Howe,	"	75 00
E. R. Bacon,	"	01
Bacon and Brown,	"	1 00
Hollis M. Chase,	"	25 00

Paid H. H. Rowe, building street,	$128 70	
W. O. Folsom, surveying street, selling building of street and recording deeds,	8 00	
		$594 71
Sidewalk Appropriation, Water Street,		$100 00
Paid George A. Woods, lumber,	$12 50	
F. C. and J. F. Garland, lumber,	51 10	
George W. S. Dow, building walks,	33 28	
		$96 88
Town Common Appropriation,		$100 00
Paid J. F. Garland, drawing fertilizer,	$ 6 75	
George A. Woods, " "	6 50	
Henry Davis, labor,	7 50	
W. S. Bickford, "	1 35	
J. S. Whitney, dressing,	6 00	
G. H. Sanborn, "	14 21	
E. O. Ingalls, "	12 63	
H. H. Rowe, "	18 12	
Timothy Peaslee, "	6 25	
J. F. Garland, labor,	1 50	
H. H. Rowe, plowing,	7 87	
G. W. S. Dow, posts,	80	
E. N. Cogswell, time and money paid,	23 70	
W. B. Barnes, ashes,	9 81	
Amount expended,		$122 99

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Amount appropriated,		$300 00
Paid Cochrane Chemical Co., acid	$ 4 13	
H. R. Barnes Co., supplies,	11 94	
" " hose and fixtures,	138 67	

Paid B. & M. R. R., freight on hand tub,	$ 13 46	
E. K. Cogswell, supplies,	1 10	
H. H. Rowe, grading,	2 50	
J. E. Whittier, watching Buxton fire,	3 00	
H. A. Emerson, balance due for services as committee to purchase chemical engine and money paid out,	5 01	
C. A. Nichols, use of team and ladder lumber,	5 00	
H. A. Emerson, town appropriation,	300 00	
John Gage, freight on hose carriage,	4 64	
" " time and expense to Boston,	9 96	
" " time and money paid on ladders and sundry bills,	59 34	
		$558 75

PAUPER ACCOUNT.

County Dependent Soldiers.

Charles McIntire.

Paid Geo. H. Sanborn, medical attendance,	$3 50

Horace Paige.

Paid G. W. S. Dow, guardian,	$77 03

Nancy J. Hill.

Paid Henry E. Merrick, guardian,	$48 00

J. R. Preston Family.

Paid C. I. Cole, medical attendance,	$5 00

County Paupers.

Mr. Hale Family.

Paid Preston Bro.'s Co., goods furnished,	$10 54
B. and M. R. R., freight on goods,	3 75
E. T. Bacon, milk furnished,	2 40
E. N. Cogswell, cash advanced to pay car fare to Boston and moving goods to station,	4 49
	$21 18

Jennie Young.

Paid C. I. Cole, medical attendance,	$7 00

Wm. H. Littlefield.

Paid Preston Bro.'s Co., goods furnished,	$4 25

Luella Beard.

Paid H. F. Huntington, one-half cord wood,	$2 25
F. A. Peaslee, one cord wood,	5 00
G. W. S. Dow, one-half cord wood,	1 00
	$8 25

John Colby.

Paid Mrs. John Colby, aid furnished,	$102 09
C. I. Cole, medical attendance,	6 75
	$108 84

Moses Gould Family.

Paid Mrs. Harry Sisco, aid furnished,	$35 00
C. I. Cole, medical attendance,	23 10
E. N. Cogswell, time and money paid,	7 63
E. K. Cogswell, goods furnished,	1 25
Whitney and Dow, meat furnished,	1 05
Z. S. Woods, team hire,	7 00
W. O. Folsom, casket,	10 00
	$85 03

Susan Hoyt.

Paid Geo. W. S. Dow, care and board,	$220 88
Total aid paid for support of county dependent soldiers,	$133 53
Total aid paid for support of county paupers,	$455 43
Received from county commissioners,	$588 96

SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND APPROPRIATIONS.

Appropriations for schools,	$2,280 00
Dog fund 1899,	131 30
Repair appropriation,	150 00
To purchase charts, maps, etc,	20 00

Paid L. W. Cogswell, treasurer, appro'n 1899,		$2,880 00
" " dog fund 1899,		131 30
" " literary fund 1899,		150 48
" " appro'n charts, maps, etc.		20 00
E. E. Babb Co.,	supplies,	62 59
Ginn Co.,	"	69 44
J. L. Hammett Co.,	"	49 81
American Book Co.,	"	4 08
Maynard Merrill Co.,	"	90
E. C. Eastman,	"	7 93
R. W. Musgrove,	"	2 45
Educational Publication Co.	"	4 34
Rand McNally Co.,	"	22 15
Howard and Brown,	"	3 56
Rumford Press,	"	2 00
G. H. Dodge, chart,		1 00
F. M. Davis, printing,		2 50

Paid Houghton, Mifflin Co., supplies,	$ 91
J. C. Cogswell, care school books,	12 00
" " money advanced to pay express and freight,	9 96
	$3,437 40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George P. Gove, services auditor,	$ 7 50	
J. S. Whitney, dog constable,	5 00	
George H. Dodge, school auditor,	2 00	
E. N. Cogswell, services after settlement, 1899,	15 50	
F. D. Patten, services after settlement, 1899,	12 00	
J. F. Garland, services after settlement, 1899,	13 50	
Enos Carter, ballot clerk,	3 00	
G. F. Pinkham, supervisor 1898–99,	15 00	
L. W. Cogswell, school district treas.,	15 00	
Geo. H. Dodge, member school board,	69 73	
Geo. H. Sanborn, " "	35 00	
J. C. Cogswell, " "	20 00	
" " town clerk,	25 00	
" " district clerk,	10 00	
A. P. Nichols, tax collector,	85 00	
M. F. Whittier, town treasurer,	50 00	
E. N. Cogswell, selectman,	98 60	
F. D. Patten, "	80 30	
J. F. Garland, "	96 90	
		$659 03

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Maria L. Carr, interest on note,	$ 69 10	
F. T. Huntington, note and int.,	115 41	
John W. Morse, " "	101 03	
Mechanicks Bank, " "	1,000 00	
Henry A. Gordon, " "	152 10	
" " " "	420 38	
Paul Hussey, " "	59 46	
A. C. Graves, interest on note,	21 69	
W. P. Cressey, " "	12 00	
S. Q. A. Newton, " "	6 00	
L. W. Cogswell, " "	40 00	
S. Q. A. Newton, Dist. school note and interest,	283 36	
Maria L. Carr, Dist. school note and interest,	1,307 06	
M. E. Society, int. on note,	12 00	
		$3,599 59

ABATEMENT AND OVERTAX.

Paid Preston and Campbell, overtax,	$9 75	
Hattie S. Davis, abatement,	68	
Sam Hardy, "	4 80	
Fred A. Peaslee, "	8 77	
Sarah Woods, "	1 15	
Ida M. Barnes, "	3 84	
Wm. Whittemore, "	3 84	
C. H. Courser, "	7 68	
A. W. Sumner, "	1 92	
		$42 43

TOWN AID TO POOR.

Rebecca Ramsdell.

Paid M. S. Moore, aid furnished,	$120 00	
J. F. Garland, wood furnished,	17 25	
F. A. Peaslee, "	5 00	
Ed Dow, "	4 50	
N. L. Buxton, labor and material, furnished to put running water in house,	10 36	
Lewis Daniells, labor,	1 50	
J. F. Garland, banking house,	1 00	
C. I. Cole, medical attendance,	2 25	
		$161 86

Joseph Wood.

Paid Joseph Wood, aid furnished,	$20 00	
Scott Colby, house rent from Jan. 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900,	60 00	
		80 00
Total aid furnished,	$241 86	

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Paid G. H. Sanborn, Services health officer,	$38 50	
W. N. Whitney, services health officer,	10 00	
W. N. Whitney, medicine and supplies furnished diphtheria cases,	13 75	
		62 25

POLICE AND NIGHT WATCH.

Paid J. S. Whitney, services police officer from Jan. 1, 1899, to April 1, 1899,	$12 60	
E. H. Gilman, services police officer from April 1, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1900,	34 30	
R. M. Gregg, services police officer from April 1, 1899, to Jan. 1, 1900,	22 60	
		$69 50

RETURNING BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Paid Geo. H. Sanborn,	$7 00	
G. H. Lock,	75	
C. I. Cole,	4 50	
		12 25

RECORDING BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Paid John C. Cogswell,	$9 70	
		9 70

SUPPORT OF WATERING TROUGHS.

Paid Fred Martin,	1898 and 1899,	$4 00	
J. F. Garland,	1898,	2 00	
Harry Chase,	1898,	2 00	
Gilbert Cota,	1898,	1 50	
G. W. S. Dow,	1898,	3 00	
G. S. Wiggin,	1898 and 1899,	3 50	
E. N. Cogswell,	1899,	2 00	
			18 00

EXPENSE OF TRAMPS.

Paid J. S. Whitney, tramp officer from Feb. 1, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1900,	$30 50	
		$30 50

DAMAGE TO SHEEP BY DOGS.

Paid J. H. Dowlin, damage to 8 sheep,	$12 00	
S. E. " " 8 "	8 00	
J. J. Huntington, " 8 "	6 00	
F. E. White, " 8 "	15 00	
		41 00

SCHOOL REPAIR APPROPRIATION.

Paid Geo. H. Dodge, bal. appr'n 1898,	$ 50 00	
" " appr'n in full, '99	150 00	
		200 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid J. F. Grimes, treas. from Jan. 10 to April 10, 1899,	$206 25	
J. F. Grimes, treas., lighting town house from May 5, 1899, to Feb. 1, 1900,	56 42	
J. F. Grimes, treas., lock-up,	6 00	
		268 67

RECORD OF LICENSED DOGS.

J. C. Cogswell, as town clerk, submits the following report for year ending Feb. 15, 1900:

Number male dogs licensed, 97, received for same,	$192 66
Number female dogs, 14, received for same,	70 00
Total number, 111, total receipts,	$262 66

Paid M. E. Whittier, town treasurer,	$240 85
Town Clerk's commission @ 20c,	21 80
	$262 65

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account of J. C. Cogswell, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. F. CAMPBELL,
G. E. CHADWICK,
WALTER A. CONNOR,
Town Auditing Committee.

JANITOR'S REPORT.

TOWN HALL, 1899.

H. B. Campbell in account with the town of Henniker:

To cash received from rent from February 15, 1899, to February 15, 1900,		$135 50
Paid H. B. Campbell, janitor,	$61 00	
For supplies,	9 36	
Cash received,	$135 50	
" paid out,	70 36	
Balance in my hands paid town treasurer,		$65 14

H. B. CAMPBELL, Janitor.

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

TOWN IN ACCOUNT WITH COWDRY BEQUEST.

Total amount due bequest Feb. 15, 1900,	$60 05

E. N. COGSWELL,
F. D. PATTEN,
J. F. GARLAND,
Selectmen of Henniker.

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Paid A. P. Nichols, collector, 1899,	$196 37

COLLECTOR'S REPORT, 1899.

Amount assesed as per tax book,	$13,673 35	
Taxes uncollected,	798 60	
Interest paid town treasurer,	17 47	

A. P. Nichols, Collector for 1899.

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 17, 1900.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of A. P. Nichols, tax collector, and find that there was placed in his hands for collec'n,	$13,673 35
We find that he has collected,	12,874 75
Leaving a balance of uncollected taxes amounting to,	$798 60

E. F. CAMPBELL,
G. E. CHADWICK,
W. A. CONNOR,
Town Auditors.

We the undersigned auditors of the town of Henniker, certify that we have examined the reports of the selectmen, town clerk, town treasurer, collector of taxes, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. F. CAMPBELL,
G. E. CHADWICK,
WALTER A. CONNOR,
Town Auditors.

REPORT FOR MEMORIAL DAY.

R. M. Gregg, Agent.

DR.

May 30, 1899.		
To town appropriation,		$75 00

CR.

Paid Henniker Drum Corps,	$20 00	
A. D. Huntoon for flags and music,	10 80	
Preston Brothers for groceries,	3 89	
Whitney & Dow for meats,	3 16	
Z. S. Woods for team,	1 00	
R. M. Gregg, to cash advanced for speaker, labor, postage, etc,	18 50	
	$57 35	
Cash on hand,		$17 65

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of R. M. Gregg, agent for the expenditure of Memorial Day appropriation, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

E. F. CAMPBELL,
G. E. CHADWICK,
W. A. CONNOR,
Town Auditors.

OUTSTANDING NOTES AND INTEREST.

	NOTE.	INTEREST.	AMOUNT.
Mary C. Gove,	$550 00	$111 80	$661 80
J. J. Huntington,	200 00	31 26	231 27
Geo. A. French,	500 00	78 29	578 29
S. Q. A. Newton,	300 00	45 95	345 95
M. E. Society,	300 00	50	300 50

John Emory,	100 00	11 90	111 90
Congregational Society,	50 00	1 66	51 66
" "	100 00	3 20	103 20
Marietta Poor No. 3,	500 00	123 04	623 04
" " " 1,	418 16	106 61	524 77
" " " 2,	150 00	37 76	187 76
" " " 4,	150 00	27 44	177 44
Arthur C. Graves,	100 00	2 12	102 12
Sarah M. Morse,	150 00	20 57	170 57
Mary Farrar,	100 00	20 27	120 27
Delia Dowlin,	350 00	70 92	420 92
Thos. L. Chase,	150 00	16 73	166 73
Wm. P. Cressy,	300 00	6 40	306 40
W. C. Goss,	151 12	7 30	158 42
Leander W. Cogswell,	1,000 00	11 20	1,011 20
Geo. A. Gordon,	200 00	36 12	236 12
Wyre Gove,	110 00	27 58	137 58
W. A. Howlett,	100 00	19 58	119 58
S. W. Carter,	100 00	19 58	119 58
Sarah A. Hussy,	400 00	35 33	435 33
S. Q. A. Newton,	200 00	36 72	236 72
John M. Goss,	200 00	6 69	206 69
F. J. Constantine,	200 00	6 49	206 49
Hattie F. Holder,	200 00	6 40	206 40
	$7,329 28	$929 41	$8,258 69

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. F. Whittier, in account with the Town of Henniker:

DR.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1899,	$ 1,008 58
From George A. Woods, 1897 taxes,	14 92
" " " inst. '97 taxes,	2 33

Cash from A. P. Nichols, 1898 taxes,	$ 690 25
" " interest on 1898 taxes,	8 00
" " 1899 taxes,	12,874 75
" " interest 1899 taxes,	17 47
Selectmen, on notes,	1,741 67
J. C. Cogswell, dog license,	240 85
" " sale school books,	2 60
H. B. Campbell, rent of town hall,	65 14
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	322 18
" savings bank tax,	2,064 08
" literary fund,	150 48
Merrimack Connty, aid to county poor,	455 43
" " dependent soldiers,	133 53
Wood sold Almon Courser,	11 00
G. H. Dodge, unexpended road money,	9 93
H. R. Rice, " " "	1 15
J. H. Brown, " " "	24
S. E. Dowlin, " " "	1 26
W. O. Folsom, cost of trial for Lewis Goodale and Loren Heron,	10 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Show, for license,	2 00
E. N. Cogswell, for akron pipe,	24
	$19,828 08

CR.

By cash on orders from selectmen,	$19,373 49
Balance in treasury,	454 59
	$19,828 08

M. F. WHITTIER,
Town Treasurer.

February 15, 1900.

REPORT OF TOWN OFFICERS FOR YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

Abstract of Receipts and Disbursements.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1899,	$ 1,008 58
Total receipts during the year,	18,819 50
	$19,828 08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid orders during the year,	$19,373 49
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1900,	454 59
	$19,828 08

DEBT.

Liabilities Feb. 15, 1899,	$8,105 11
Assets " "	1,769 81
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1899,	$6,335 30
Liabilities Feb. 15, 1900,	$8,258 69
Assets " "	1,309 25
Balance against the town Feb. 15, 1900,	$6,949 44

Statement of the Condition of the Town February 15, 1900.

To amount outstanding town notes,	$7,329 28	
Interest " " "	929 41	
Total amount outstanding notes,		$8,258 69

ASSETS.

Amount in treasury Feb. 15, 1900,	$454 59	
Uncollected taxes, 1899,	798 60	
" " 1898,	49 85	
" " 1897,	6 21	
		$1,309 25
Total town's indebtedness Feb. 15, 1900,		$6,949 44
Town indebtedness Feb. 15, 1899,	$7,912 60	
" " " " 1900,	6,949 44	
Decrease of debt during the year,		$963 16

RECEIPTS OF 1899.

To cash in treasury Feb. 15, 1899,	$1,008 58
Rec'd from Geo. A. Woods, 1897 taxes,	14 92
" " interest on 1897 taxes,	2 33
A. P. Nichols, 1898 taxes,	690 25
" " interest 1898 taxes,	8 00
" " 1899 taxes,	12,874 75
interest 1899 taxes,	17 47
Selectmen on note,	1,741 67
J. C. Cogswell, dog licenses,	240 85
" " sale of school books,	2 60
H. B. Campbell, rent of town hall,	65 14
State treasurer, R. R. tax,	322 18
" " savings bank tax,	2,064 08
" " literary fund,	150 48

Cash received from Merrimack Co., aid to county poor,	$455 43
" " aid dependent soldiers,	133 53
Almon Courser, wood sold,	11 00
Geo. H. Dodge, unexpended highway money,	9 93
H. R. Rice, unexpended highway money,	1 15
J. H. Brown, unexpended highway money,	24
S. E. Dowlin, unexpended highway money,	1 26
W. O. Folsom, cost of trial Lewis Goodale and Loren Heron,	10 00
Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. license,	2 00
E. N. Cogswell, akron pipe,	24
	$19,828 08

ORDERS PAID 1899.

Paid Miscellaneous items,	$5,053 92
Highway Miscellaneous bills,	208 88
" Department,	1,907 12
Breaking Roads,	1,352 94
Town officers,	659 03
School supplies and appro'n,	3,437 40
Notes and interest,	3,599 59
Abatement and overtax,	42 43
County paupers,	588 75
Town aid to poor,	241 86
Board of health,	62 25

Paid Fire department,	$558 75	
Police and night watch,	69 50	
Returning births, deaths, etc,	12 25	
Recording " " "	9 70	
Support of watering troughs,	18 00	
Expense of tramps,	30 50	
Damage to sheep by dogs,	41 00	
School repairs,	200 00	
Electrict light service,	268 67	
Discount on taxes,	196 37	
Sidewalk appro'n,	96 88	
New highway, Cressy street,	594 71	
Town common appro'n,	122 99	
		$19,373 49

Total orders paid,	$19,373 49
Excess of receipts over disbursements,	454 59
	$19,828 08

E. N. COGSWELL,
F. D. PATTEN,
J. F. GARLAND,
Selectmen of Henniker.

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 15, 1900.

Report of Committee on Chemical Engine.

Your committee beg to report they purchased the chemical engine recommended by them and instructed by the town to purchase. The engine proved to be somewhat unsatisfactory after several trials. Your committee with the co-operation of your selectmen took the responsibility of exchanging the chemical for a hand tub, the result as you all know has been very successful. We wish to state also we have in addition to the 400 ft. 2 in. 250 ft. 2½ in. hose, and a full set of ladders nearly completed, with other necessary apparatus, so now we have a very good fire department.

We recommend the town to construct some wells and cisterns away from the river front.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN GAGE,
HENRY A. EMERSON,
G. W. S. DOW,
Purchasing Committee.

Report of Firewards.

As Firewards of the Town of Henniker we beg leave to submit our first annual report.

Up to the beginning of the year 1899 our town had been without a fire company and practically without protection against fire; at the present time it is different. We have a fire department composed of men whose courage is beyond reproach, as was proved at the fire in the Buxton block.

We have by no means all that is needed or should have. A few wells or cisterns back from the river would afford better protection for those parts of the village. A few feet more of hose might be the means of saving much property. But above all we should have an engine house with ample room for engine, hose carriage, hook and lad-

der truck, hall and convenience for drying hose. The present place is not only cramped for room but is so damp it will in a short space of time ruin our engine and its equipments. We have a set of ladders nearly completed and ought to have a truck to carry them on, as we consider that part of a fire department quite as essential as any in saving life as well as property.

We would recommend that the town raise a liberal amount of money this present year for fire purposes.

We beg leave at this time to thank the public for the interest taken, as was shown at the late fireman's fair.

Recpectfully submitted,

JOHN GAGE,
J. E. WHITTIER,
W. E. CONSTANTINE,
A. W. DOW,
E. E. RUSSELL,
Firewards.

Report of the Board of Health.

There were twenty-six deaths in town last year of which fifteen were of persons over sixty years of age. The general condition of the town as to health has been favorable.

Throughout the whole state, and in fact in all New England, there have been an unusual number of sporadic cases of infectious diseases. This town has had its full share of these. Seven cases of diphtheria have appeared among us, one of them fatal, and two cases of scarlet fever.

Not very many years ago these diseases, appearing in so many neighborhoods, would have been likely to have infected the whole town, but thanks to our more extended knowledge of their nature and the laws compelling

their proper treatment and isolation, no case has spread beyond the family in which it first appeared. The cause of their appearance in the places where they did we have not been able to discover. The unusual number of these diseases in so many different localities throughout the state may indicate that the unusually dry season created conditions favorable to their development.

Fourteen cases of measles have been reported and others are known to have occurred which were not reported and where no doctor was called. The number of deaths reported from this disease in the state show that it is not to be ignored or trifled with.

The New Hampshire Sanitary Bulletin for January 1900, contains a paper on "Restriction and Prevention of Consumption," that most fatal disease known to civilization, and, in New Hampshire, the first among causes of death. This paper gives in plain and simple language all that is known of the causes of the spread of this disease and the means of prevention and restriction that should be practised by everyone who comes in contact with it. This bulletin will be sent free to anyone who will ask for it.

GEO. H. SANBORN,
W. W. WHITNEY,
C. B. CHILDS,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

Prof. Evans, having resigned his position as principal of our high school at the close of the year in June, and Miss Eastman giving up her place as assistant to complete her education is a western college, it became necessary to secure two new teachers for the vacancies thus made. Realizing the importance of obtaining for the head of the school a man of character, ability and earnest purpose, a member of the Board visited the school in one of our neighboring counties where our present principal, Prof. Norman J. Page was then employed, and made a careful scrutiny among the patrons of the school and the residents of the village as to his reputation and professional success. The results were such that he was unanimously chosen from a long list of applicants, and thus far we have had no occasion to regret our choice.

Miss Helen R. White who had just graduated from Tuft's College was elected to the place made vacant by the resignation of Miss Eastman, and is, we believe doing good work. Miss Mosher has continued to hold the reputation gained last year. A class of four graduated at the close of the spring term with credit and established a precedent which we hope may be followed by their successors, in presenting to the school library beautifully inscribed copies of the poetical works of Burns and Milton. The beginning of the school year under the new management saw the largest number of students enrolled in the history of the school and the tuitions received for the two terms completed will exceed those of any similar terms since the town assumed its management.

As a piano has become a necessity in the building and the one which had been in use for the past three years having been removed last spring by the owner, the Board decided to assume the responsibility of purchasing at their own expense a new one and to give the students ample time to pay therefor from the proceeds of their school entertainments.

The sum recently realized from a single entertainment has been applied to that purpose and makes a long step toward the desired object. Of the twenty dollars appropriated at the last annual meeting to form the nucleus of a school library, one-fourth part was expended for "The International Year Book," published by Dodd, Mead & Co., bound uniformly with and supplementary to their cyclopædia purchased in 1892. We have also purchased the poetical works of Longfellow, Whittier, Holmes, Lowell, and Tennyson; Emerson's Essays; "A Man Without a Country," by E. E. Hale; "The Story of the National Post Office." Several sample copies of recent interesting school text books have been contributed by the Board, and we have several dollars of the appropriation left awaiting a favorable opportunity for procuring addition volumes wanted.

Upon request Prof. Page has revised the course of study to better meet the wants of the school as now constituted, and copies of the same can be obtained by those interested by applying to the principal or the members of the Board. Miss Poor and Miss Wilkins have also given an outline of the plan of work in the lower grades for the benefit of the present authorities and their successors.

As the number of scholars applying for admission at the central school is constantly increasing, the need of establishing another grade and providing another room and teacher therefor seems to be one of the problems for solution in the near future.

The division schools have been given three terms aggregating 29 weeks, with the exception of those in which an attempt to consolidate with other districts has been made. More friction in the management of these schools has been apparent the past year than in any other single

year since the adoption of the town system. The reason therefor does not seem to be in the lack of advice given the Board, for we have had it in abundance; we have noticed in years of experience in school affairs, that those whose advice is last sought in other things, are the first to offer it, and the most persistant in urging its adoption in matters relating to school management. Former years have often seen differences of opinion in regard to the success or failure of certain schools, but we do not recall a time when the disaffected element has seen fit to establish a school in competition with those maintained by the town.

As there may be lack of information in some quarters in regard to the difficulty at Westboro Corner, we desire to give our version of the situation. Soon after the close of the fall term a petition signed by several of the parents, asking for a change of teachers, was the first indication we had that anything more than the usual amount of fault-finding was in evidence. As the teacher in question was one of wide experience and eminent success in this and other towns, we decided to give the parties a hearing, that they might make known their cause of complaint. It appeared that the origin of the trouble was because a certain pupil had been given problems for solution in arithmetic outside ONE of the text books then in use; this and other petty grievances in regard to children leaving the room formed the basis of the request. The Board unanimously refused to grant the petition, and the teacher who was hired for the year was continued. Another petition, more unanimously signed, asking us to reverse our decision was immediately presented, which we refused to consider; not because the asked-for change might not have smoothed over the difficulty for a few weeks, but because we believed the principle involved, was whether a teacher, well qualified, of excellent methods and faithful service, should be sustained, or whether insubordinate pupils backed by fault-finding parents, should be allowed their desires simply because they clamored for them.

Another source of difficulty has been in our attempt to solve the "Rural School Problem," by uniting small

districts and transporting pupils to such place as might be gathered sufficient members to afford the stimulus of competition. Interest, life, ambition, enthusiasm, upon which so much depends, cannot be generated in a mere handful of scholars coming from one or two homes any more than a school-room can be properly heated by burning two or three pieces of wood or coal. All of the educational authorities of the New England States are united in condemning the waste of intellectual energy, of time and money maintaining so many small schools, yet when otherwise reputable citizens boast of having defeated the efforts of the Board toward such consolidation, instead of co-operating with them for the public good, but little can be accomplished. In one instance only for the year have we had the united assistance of the district in carrying out our plans of lessening the cost of school maintenance.

The successful solution of the whole question seems to depend not so much upon school officials as upon the sovereign will of the people, and the key to the situation is found in the creation of a more enlightened public sentiment. Toward this desired end we would echo the prayer of the good old lady: "O Lord, wilt thou make the indifferent different."

ROLL OF HONOR.

For the Year Ending June 1899.

Hattie L. Connor perfect attendance for eight consecutive years.

Eva M. Huntington for seven years.

Frank H. Savage and Eva Savage for five years.

Perfect attendance for three years:—

Arthur L. Connor, Effie M. Felch, Jennie M. Russell, Flossie M. Felch.

Perfect attendance for two years:—

Maurice Daniels, Leon K. Parker, Ethel M. White, Martha Savage, Robert Savage, Charlie Savage, Clarance L. Parmenter.

Perfect attendance for one year:—

W. L. Patten, Jessie I. Gage, James F. Patten, Emma D. Gage, C. Eva Beard, Oliver D. Daniels.

Perfect attendance for one or more terms.

Addie W. Nason, Fred J. Scruton, Fletcher P. Bonton, Earle H. Ingalls, Edgar H. Savage, Fred J. Whitney, Rosamond Cole, Marion Cogswell, Gertrude S. Sanborn, Jessie A. Sheffield, Bessie E. Savage, Ola E. George, Ella M. Robertson, Margaret S. Lock, Jessie C. Falvey, Charlotte M. Drew, Natt E. Woods, Robert R. Newton, Brenda E. Drew, Arlow A. Powers, Walter Hooper, Arthur A. Newton, Willie Morin, Sherrod F. Jones, Cloris J. Daniels, Elric M. Daniels, Warren J. Childs, Lunie Cogswell, Esther Connor, Mabel Cogswell, Berenice Peaslee, Ella Savage, Eleanor Wilkins, Beatrice Whittier, Boyd Carnes, Harry Davis, Parker Newton, Morrison Peaslee, Clarence Pierce, Wilmer Ripley, Jamie Wilkins, Lester Woodruff, Ethel Russell, Milo Skillen, Walter Simpson, Ethel Buxton, Blanche Rowe, Gladys Whittier, John Connor, Eddie Kilburn, Harold Roode, Winnie Sargent, Vincent Skillen, Owena Rowell, Shirley W. Peaslee, William F. Flanders, Bertha M. Gove, Edward G. Flanders, Cleveland Gove, Charles N. Flanders, Eva M. Huntington, Edith A. Blaisdell, Vera Grinnell, Mildred French, Willie Gordon, Clara Green, Marion Brown, Tommy Hooper, Wilbur Parmenter, Frank Mead, Archie Flanders, James S. Dowlin, Bessie M. Beard, Cora E. Littlefield, Louisa M. Dowlin, Maud M. Littlefield, William D. Yeaton, Minnie C. Flanders, Delma E. Barbeau, Flora M. Flanders, Velmer A. Barbeau, Charles E. Bowen, Alma J. Barbeau.

The statistical table is for the year ending June 1899.

The School Board report that they have drawn 17 orders on the district treasurer amounting to $3,768.94.

GEO. H. DODGE,
J. C. COGSWELL,
GEO. H. SANBORN,
School Board.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of the Henniker School Board, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

J. W. EMERY,
D. S. CARR,
W. A. BALCH,
Feb. 17, 1900. Auditing Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of School.	Div. No.	Name of Teacher.	Wages per month.	Weeks of school.	Scholars registered.	Av. Attendance.	Committee visits.	Citizen's visits.
Parker's	1	Sadie A. Clark	$24	10	11	9	1	12
Crany Hill		" "	24	6	9	8	0	0
		" "	24	10	10	8	2	6
	2	Annie E. Gage	20	9	7	7	3	24
Bear Hill	3	Addie F. Cogswell	24	10	12	11	2	12
		" "	24	9	8	8	1	8
		" "	24	10	11	7	2	13
		C. Eva Eastman	26	10	18	14	2	9
Westboro Corner	4	" "	26	9	12	11	1	4
		" "	26	9	15	13	2	16
		Edna F. Connor	26	10	12	11	2	22
West Henniker	5	" "	26	9	15	13	2	32
		" "	26	10	19	16	2	42
		Annabel Allen	20	10	5	5	2	18
Hemlock Corner	6	" "	20	6	2	2	0	6
		Alice B. Connor	20	10	17	13	3	17
Fellows' Corner	7	Dora L. Whitney	24	9	12	9	1	9
		" "	24	10	11	5	2	19
		Josephine H. Bunnell	20	10	5	4	1	7
Friend's District	10	" "	20	9	9	7	1	11
		" "	20	10	10	6	0	18
		Susie A. Andrews	20	10	6	6	0	12
Eastman's	12	" "	20	9	6	5	1	13
		" "	20	10	7	7	1	15
Grammar	8	Alma L. Poore	32	11	47	43	2	78
		" "	32	9	48	44	3	42
		" "	40	10	49	44	3	71
Primary	11	Louise A. Wilkins	40	11	41	39	1	60
		" "	40	9	37	30	2	30
		" "	40	10	53	47	6	81
High School	..	O. C. Evans, principal	155.44	12	43	42	1	**
		Bessie S. Mosher and	155.44	12	46	43	2	
		Alice Eastman, assistants	155.44	11	48	38	3	

** Not reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPAIRS.

Believing as we do that the place where our young people spend so large a portion of their time should be made as attractive as our means permit, we have devoted a considerable portion of the repair fund last raised to brightening and beautifying the interiors of our school buildings. The houses in Divisions 1, 4 and 10 have had the ceilings whitened, the walls painted and the furniture cleaned and varnished. The house in Div. 3 has received new seats and desks, and has been painted outside and inside. The furniture in three of the rooms of the central school building has been varnished, curtains have been hung at the windows of Divs. 1, 2 and 7, and improved Venetian blinds have taken the place of the worn out window shades in Div. 5. Additional black-board has been placed in three houses and extensive repairs made upon the old boards where needed.

GEORGE H. DODGE,

In account with Henniker School District.

DR.

Received of J. C. Cogswell, bal. in his hands,	$ 26 61
Town Treas., repair fund for 1899,	150 00
" " bal. " " " 1898,	50 00
For material sold,	2 30
	$228 91

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Paid express on liquid slating,	$ 25
J. L. Hammett Co., liquid slating,	3 20
Freight on hyloplate black-board,	83
J. L. Hammett Co., hyloplate black-board.	5 90
W. A. Howlett, setting glass,	50
Geo. H. Sanborn, cash adv. repairs Div. 2,	40
Freight on school furniture Div. 3,	4 23
Express on steam fittings,	25

W. A. Howlett, finishing book case,	85
Lewis Childs, 14½ days painting, etc.,	29 00
Lee Bros., steam fittings,	2 05
Am. School Furniture Co., seats and desks,	29 60
Roswell Brill, labor in Div. 10,	50
Fred G. Whitney, stove "	5 00
Lee Bros., boiler valve,	1 35
Lewis Childs, varnishing,	1 60
Freight on Venetian blinds,	55
Preston Bros. Co., paint, oil, hardware, etc.,	42 63
Burlington Venetian Blind Co.,	16 00
W. E. Sargent, hanging blinds,	70
W. E. Newman, repairing water closet,	3 37
Constantine & Rowe, repairs at high school,	2 10
W. E. Sargent, repairs Div. 5,	1 20
Preston Bros. Co., hardware and supplies,	4 87
N. L. Buxton, labor and supplies,	9 12
S. A. Bunnel, building book case, etc.,	19 15
G. H. Dodge, cash adv., material furnished and labor on school houses,	44 42
	$229 62
Deficiency,	71
	$228 91

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of G. H. Dodge, repair agent for Henniker School District, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

J. W. EMERY,
D. S. CARR,
W. A. BALCH,

Feb. 17, 1900. Auditing Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Leander W. Cogswell, as treasurer of Henniker School District, for the year ending Feb. 15, 1900:

DR.

To cash on hand Feb. 15, 1899,	$ 478 71
School money from town treasurer,	2,880 00
Dog license fund, 1898,	131 30
Literary fund,	150 48
Appropriation for maps, charts, etc.,	20 00
Rent for high school hall,	1 00
Cash for grass about high school building,	2 00
Tuition fall term, 1898,	2 00
Balance of tuitions winter term, 1898–9,	75 00
Tuitions spring term, 1899,	132 50
" fall " "	212 50
" winter " 1899–1900, in part,	100 00
From Weare for schooling one pupil,	3 00
Total receipts,	$4,188 49

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Paid on warrants by school board:	
Teachers' salaries,	$3,019 33
For wood.	101 50
Coal,	167 09
Care of school houses,	52 65
Cleaning,	22 10
Transportation,	161 40
Music,	91 50
Water rent,	18 00
Electric lights,	12 00
Charles A. Loud, Janitor,	60 75
Charles N. Bell, "	38 55
Books,	7 32

Dodd, Mead & Co., book,	5 00
School book seal,	3 50
Revenue stamps,	2 00
Housing and moving wood,	4 75
Sweeper,	1 50
Total expenditures,	$3,768 94
Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1900,	419 55
	$4,188 49

The following is a list of teachers employed during the year past and the amount paid each one:

Paid O. C. Evans,	$388 58
Norman J. Page,	320 00
Bessie S. Mosher,	320 00
Loaisa M. Wilkins,	240 00
Alma L. Poor,	200 00
Alice M. Eastman,	184 00
Sarah A. Clark,	183 00
Dora L. Whitney,	183 50
C. Eva Eastman,	182 00
Addie F. Cogswell,	174 00
Susie A. Andrew,	164 00
Helen R. White,	136 00
Jennie A. Eastman,	114 00
Edna F. Connor,	65 00
Lillian Smith,	50 00
Josephine Bunnell,	50 00
Annie E. Gage,	45 00
Belle B. Peaslee,	20 25
	$3,019 33

About one third of the salaries of the teachers in the high school, primary and grammar schools for the winter term for 1899–1900 have been paid.

LEANDER W. COGSWELL, Treasurer.

This is to certify that we have examined the accounts of L. W. Cogswell, Treasurer of Henniker school district for the year ending February 15, 1900, and find them correctly cast with proper vouchers.

J. W. EMERY,
D. S. CARR,
W. A. BALCH,
Auditing Committee.

Henniker, N. H., Feb. 17, 1900.

Report of Trustees of Henniker Free Public Library.

The books of the library were as usual called in by the trustees for the annual count and examination, and they found them in good condition, showing faithful care, with quite a number needing to be re-bound.

There are now on the shelves 2,434 volumes of bound books, beside a large collection of books in papers covers and a number of magazines paid for by the library for the use of its patrons.

During the past year Nathan P. Sanborn, Esq., of Marblehead, Mass., has at times very kindly remembered his native town by donating to its library several valuable volumes which have been placed upon its shelves and widely read, and we wish that more natives of the town would "go and do likewise." Mr. Emerson has made the

usual reduction in rent, and for all gifts the trustees are extremely grateful.

On Feb. 27, 1899, the resignation of Mrs. J. C. Cogswell as librarian was accepted, and on March 15 following Miss Edna L. Connor was elected librarian who has served during the year. July 3, 1899, Mrs. Charlotte I. Rice resigned as a trustee of the library, being about to leave the town. The trustees being chosen by the town no action was taken by the remaining members of the board, leaving the vacancy to be filled by the town at its annual meeting on March 13, 1900. During her connection with the library, Mrs. Rice's services were very valuable, and many regrets were expressed at her removal from town.

The circulation of books for the year has been 6,394, an increase over the circulation of the previous year of 726 volumes, and one of the largest since the library was established. The trustees are grateful for the responses for lists of books furnished at their request, by the patrons of the library, and hope that more will avail themselves of this invitation.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. EMERSON,	Term expires	1904
E. MARIA COGSWELL,	"	1903
LEANDER W. COGSWELL,	"	1902
WALTER A. CONNOR,	"	1901

REPORT OF TREASURER OF HENNIKER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Walter A. Connor, in account with Henniker Free Public Library, for the year ending February 28th, 1900.

DR.

To cash on hand March 1, 1899.	$53 86
Received for book, Life of Lincoln,	1 34

Marriages Registered in the Town of Henniker, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 25	Henniker.	Herman F. Badger.	Henniker.	54	Farmer.	Warner.	E. S. Badger. Emily Foster.	Warner. Hudson.	1st	Rev. A. E. Hall, Manchester.
		Ida Call.	Newport.	43	Housekeeper.	Goshen.	Reuben M. Call. Sarah Stickney.	Boscawen. W.Dum'ston Vt	1st	
M'h 13	Manchester.	Chas. W. Martin.	Henniker.	33	Farmer.	So.Reading, Ms.	Frederick Martin Caroline S. Davis.	Bradford. "	1st	RevC.A.Bidwell Manchester.
		Annie M. Turner.	"	33	Housework.	Antrim.	Geo. Turner. Caroline Duncan.	Milford. Antrim.	1st	
May 1	Concord.	Levi W. French.	"	30	Farmer.	Hopkinton.	C. C. French. Phedora Way.	Loudon. Hopkinton.	1st	Rev. Joel B. Slo-[cum, Concord.
		Myrtie I. Barton.	Hopkinton.	18	Teacher.	"	Chas. O. Barton. Philinda Cutts.		1st	
" 15	Hilisboro'.	Walter S. Houghton.	Lynn, Mass.	33	Magazine [dealer.	Lynn.	Cyrus Houghton Susan H. Alley.	Lynn, Mass. "	1st	Rev. D. W. Fitz-[gerald, Hillsboro'.
		Mary E. Baker.	Henniker.	40	Housework.	Henniker.	John Baker. Margaret Roche.	Galway, Ire. Ireland.	1st	
June 5	Henniker.	Lewis Childs.	"	61	Painter.	"	Boswell St. Johns Isabella Riverts.		2d	Rv. T. C. H. Bou-[ton, Henniker.
		Mary E. Austin.	"	59	Housework.	"	Annis Campbell. Patty Howe.	Henniker. "	2d	
" 28	Hillsboro'.	Geo. W. A. Wood.	"	31	Farmer.	"	Robt. A. Wood. Etta C. Colby.	" Warner.	2d	Rv. Wm. France, Hillsboro' C.
		Mary L. Colby.	"	18	Housework.	Bradford.	John Colby. A. Lillian Nichols.	Bradford. "	1st	
July 23	Henniker.	Walter G. Perry.	"	22	Laborer.	Campton.	Geo. Perry. Angie Hart.	Canada. Lowell, Ms.	1st	Rev. T. Bouton, Henniker.
		Flora Barnard.	Hollis.	24	Housework.	Weare.	Fred Barnard. Augusta Rider.	Weare. New York.	1st	
Aug. 15	Boscawen.	Geo. D. Hanson.	Henniker.	38	Paper maker.	Henniker.	Lewis P. Hanson. Sarah J. Davis.	Weare. Henniker.	2d	[J. P. W. G. Buxton, Boscawen.
		Mary A. Goodwin.	"	34	Housework.		Sam'l G. Tucker. Nancy Chase.		2d	

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Henniker, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1899.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Aug. 31	Northfield, Ms	Alfred J. Foster.	Henniker.	44	Shoe Mfr.	Methuen, Ms.	Joel Foster. Elizabeth Porter.	Lowell, Ms. Andover, Me.	2d	Rv. D. A. Hudson Montague, Ms.
		Callie M. Barrett.	"	25	Bookkeeping.	Hinsdale.	Chas. S. Barrett. Abbie Stratton.	Hinsdale. Northfield, Ms.	1st	
Sep. 27	Henniker.	Rufus T. Morrison.	"	22	Merchant.	Salem.	George Roberts. Mary E. Morrison	Salem. Litchfield, Ms.	1st	Rev. T. Bouton, Henniker.
		Eva May Campbell.	"	22	Milliner.		Harris Campbell. Lucy Campbell.	Henniker. "	1st	
Oct. 19	"	Duncan P. Noyes.	"	27	Merchant.	Henniker.	Oliver H. Noyes. Mary J. Plumer.	" "	2d	Rev. T. Bouton, Henniker.
		Cora A. Peaslee.	"	25		"	Timothy Peaslee. Ant'ette Gordon.	" "	1st	
Nov. 29	"	Carl W. Rowe.	"	22	Stove clerk.	"	Alden W. Rowe. Almina F. Abbott	Bradford. Hillsboro'.	1st	Rev. G. R. Locke, Henniker.
		Emma F. Barry.	Abbington, [Ms.	18	Housework.	Abington, Ms.	Francis Barry. Emma Ripley.	Abington, Ms. Whitman, Ms.	1st	
Dec. 9	"	Geo. W. Newton.	Henniker.	21	Shoe maker.	Barnard, Vt.	Albert S. Newton. Abbie Wright.	Barnard, Vt. "	1st	Rev. G. R. Locke, Henniker.
		May A. Adams.	"	18		Bellows Fs, Vt.	John Adams. Agnes White.	Franklin Falls.	1st	
" 18	"	Fred M. Osier.	"	23	Machinist.	Gloucester, Ms.	David A. Osier. Rose Chase.			Rev. G. R. Locke, Henniker.
		Grace G. McGreevy.	Hillsboro'.	17		Hillsboro'.	John McGreevy. Carrie Grace.			

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registred in the Town of Henniker, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1899.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n. Male or Female.	Sex and Cond'n. S., M., W.*	Place of Birth. Father.	Place of Birth. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan. 6	Chas. E. Livingston.	50	10	21	Lansingburg, N. Y.	M	M	Henniker.	Lansingburg, N.Y	Harrison Livingston	Catherine Haskins.
" 13	Leonard W. Peabody	81	4		Newport, N. H.	M	M	Boxford, Ms.	Claremont.	Ammi Peabody.	Sarah Johnson.
" 19	Asenath D. Peaslee.	58	7	25	"	F	W	Newport.		Nath'l B. Smith.	Rebekah Dow.
Mar. 3	Elmer Colby.	22		2	Henniker.	M	S		Franklin.		Nellie Colby.
" 5	Mary Gordon.	86	4	24	Francistown.	F	W	Weare.		Cutting Favor.	Ruth Davis.
" 6	Annie Gould.	43			Perth, Canada.	F	M	Scotland.	Scotland.	John Noble.	Mary A. Mack.
" 14	Thomas W. Sargent.	76	8	17	Henniker.	M	W	Warner.	Henniker.	Thomas Sargent.	
Apr. 21	Leon L. Felch.		2	12	"	M	S	Henniker.	Hillsboro.	Chas. H. Felch.	Mary E. Davis.
" 25	Harrison A. Rice.	82	10	7	"	M	M	"	Henniker.	Jacob Rice.	Louisa Howe.
May 9	Harris W. Campbell.	64	8	15	"	M	M	"	"	Harris Campbell.	Martha Wood.
June 22	George W. Goss.	5	4	10	"	M	S	"	Orford.	Wm. C. Goss.	Clara V. Savage.
July 1	Joseph Richardson.			1	"	M	S	Goshen.	Acton, Me.	Joseph Richardson.	Nellie Grant.
" 13	Diantha Dowlin.	55	2	5		F	M			Stanley Abbott.	Diana Burtt.
Aug 16	Mary M. Gelineau.		8	6	Henniker.	F	S	Canada.	Canada.	Israel Gelineau.	Roxana Jervois.
Sept. 1	Mercy H. Flanders.	77	11	29	Swanzey.	F	W	Uxbridge, Ms.	Mendon, Ms.	John Holbrook.	Mercy Hill.
" 24	Mary D. Glover.	64	6	24	Hopkinton.	F	M		Warner.	James M. Flanders.	Judith C. Osgood.
" 26	Jennie M. Dow.	65	6	15	Washington, Vt.	F	W	Moultonboro.	Chelsea, Vt.	Alvaro Copp.	Susan Clifford.
Oct. 14	George W. Rice.	74	9	27	Henniker.	M	W	Henniker.	Henniker.	Jacob Rice.	Louisa Howe.
Nov. 1	Samuel Page.	83	11	22	"	M	W	Haverhill, Ms.	Weare.	Nath'l Page.	Susan Muzzy.
" 2	Harrison Morrill.	71	11	28	"	M	M	Henniker.	Henniker.	Harrison Morrill.	Lucy Smith.
" 4	Amos H. Richardson.	76		2	Medford, Ms.	M	M	Woburn, Ms.	Beverly, Ms.	Joseph Richardson.	Elizab'th Richardson
" 17					Henniker.	M	S	Jay, Vt.	Scotland.	Harrison M. Sisco.	Mary Kilpatrick.
" 28	Capitola B. George.	40	5	13	"	F	W	Henniker.	Henniker.	Ebenezer Hemphill.	Eliza G. Peasley.
Dec. 1	Mary S. Peters.	100	10	30	Warner.	F	W			Edmond Sawyer.	Mehetabel Morrill.
" 17	Thomas L. Chase.	67	11	22	Henniker.	M	S	Henniker.	Weare.	Winthrop Chase.	Annie Dow.
" 27	Mary L. Tucker.	64	8		Warner.	F	W	Warner.	Warner.	Joshua Sanborn.	Nancy T. Foster.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief. JOHN C. COGSWELL, Town Clerk.

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